countries as well as in multilateral fora, has consistently highlighted the clandestine nature of Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme.

Formulation of investment promotion strategy in India

1046. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any investment promotion strategy to highlight the comparative advantages of investment in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of External Affairs has formulated and is implementing a comprehensive investment promotion strategy aimed at promoting foreign investment into India.

Within the broad framework of this strategy, several steps have been taken to disseminate information about India's new economic policies and highlight the comparative advantages of investment into India.

(1) Several promotional events have been organised both abroad as well as in India to project the country as an attractive investments destination to international corporate and business audiences. These promotional events have been addressed by Ministers and senior Government officials as well as representative of business and industry.

(2) In addition, bilateral visits of Government delegations to important countries are used to address targetted business audiences and inform them of our liberalised economic policies.

(3) Government is working with apex industry organisations in its efforts to attract foreign investment. Overseas visits of Indian business delegations are in particular, being used to project India. Our apex Chambers have, in collaboration with their overseas counterparts and with the active participation of Indian Embassies abroad, organised several promotional events on the opportunities for investment in India.

(4) Intensive interactions have been organised on investment issues with several visiting high level business delegations. Such delegations have been given assistance in meeting with relevant institutions and Ministries.

(5) Importance has been given to developing suitable publicity material aimed at projecting India as an attractive investment destination Publicity kits comprising brochures, a floppy diskette entitled "Doing Business with India" and video presentations have been regularly prepared and updated. Government has worked closely with apex Chambers and with business and industry in preparing these materials aimed at projecting the liberalised economic policies.

(6) India's Embassies abroad have accorded high priority to projecting India's economic and commercial interests and in particular, to attracting foreign investment into India. As part of this effort, Heads of Missions and other officers have developed a wide range of contacts with local business communities as well as NRI businessmen and are constantly trying to motivate them to invest in India.

(7) Government proposes to continue with these steps for disseminating information about our economic reform programme amongst foreign investors. In particular, it is intended to lay increasing emphasis on a sector-specific approach in investment promotion efforts. Government and our Embassis abroad are trying to and will continue to utilise every available opportunity to project India as an investment destination.

Indo-German talks on Kashmir Issue

1047. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Germany has rebuffed Indian Prime Minister's pleading for support on Kashmir;

(b) whether or not the German Chancellor cold-shouldered the Indian Prime Minister's pleadings for lending support to the idea of solving Kashmir issue through bilateral negotiations in terms of Simla Agreement;

(c) whether or not the German Chancellor cold-shouldered the Indian Prime Minister's proposal to freeze Kashmir issue in order to try to remove other irritants in Indo-Pak-relations; and